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Dear Ronan,

**The Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 Article 201 (7)
NI Water Scheme of Charges 2021-22 – Regulatory Approval**

Further to receipt of NI Water's revised Scheme of Charges proposal for 2021-22 received on 29 January 2021, we confirm the Utility Regulator approval, under Article 201(7) of NI Water and Sewerage Services Order 2006.

The Utility Regulator approves charges included within price limits (Condition B of the licence and infrastructure charges, Condition C of the licence) and note that for the 2021-22 year they have been approved without price limits in place due to a delay in the PC21 final determination. We will reflect these tariffs within the final determination and adjust any variances that arise in years 2-6 of PC21. A number of other charges such as connections are also included within the document. These charges are not subject to approval under the Order, but can be determinable on a case by case basis.

The Utility Regulator also monitors tariffs in accordance with Condition E of the licence to ensure there is no undue discrimination and undue preference in charging and note no deterioration in differentials in using the above approach. To date a practical approach has been applied to differentials to avoid large shifts in tariffs or bills and is an area we should continue to discuss during the PC21 period.

Should you have any specific queries in relation to our approval as outlined in this letter or any associated issues, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Tanya Hedley
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